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C O N F I D E N T I A L GUATEMALA 1515

JOINT EMBASSY/ ROCAP MESSAGE

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SUBJECT: AIFLD REGIONAL LABOR PROGRAM

REF: GUATEMALA 1284

INFO ADDRESSEES PASS TO AID MISSIONS

1. CONTINUING THE CTF CONFLICT WITH AIFLD/ IESCA, MORALES CUBAS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF VISIT LATE LAST MONTH OF CTCA AND NATIONAL CONFEDERATION LEADERS TO ADVANCE HIS DESIRE FOR CONTROL OF REGIONAL AIFLD OPERATIONS AND TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR A BOYCOTT OF IESCA PROGRAM.

2. IN A " RESOLUTION" ALLEGEDLY SIGNED MARCH 22 BY SEVERAL COSTA RICANS, GUATEMALANS, NICARAGUANS, AND SALVADORANS, AND SENT TO AIFLD/ W, CTF INSISTED ON A CONTRACT AMONG DOHERTY, ORIT, AND CTCA TO TRANSFER IESCA ACTIVITIES TO CTCA AND ON EXPELLING SUAZO, BOTH BEFORE MAY 1, UNDER THE THREAT THAT IESCA WILL HAVE TO BEAR CONSEQUENCES OF INTENSIFIED BOYCOTT. CTF ARGUED THAT A
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PRECEDENT EXISTS (COSTA RICA) FOR SUCH A CONTRACT AND THAT CTCA IS MATURE ENOUGH TO ASSUME IESCA' S RESPONSIBILITIES. PRESENT ARRANGEMENT, SAID CTF, SUBJECTS LABOR MOVEMENT TO " PERSONALIST" ATTITUDES OF A CPD, AS IS CASE WITH SUAZO.

3. CTCA S/ G ARTILES AND OTHER HONDURANS REFUSED TO SIGN WITH ARTILES ASSERTING THAT CONTINUED CTF INTERFERENCE BRINGS INTO QUESTION HONDURAN LABOR MOVEMENT' S CONTINUED AFFILIATION TO CTCA. ALSO NOT PUTTING THEIR IMPRIMATUR ON DOCUMENT WERE SLAVADORAN (DIAZ BARRERA), AND NICARAGUAN (BETETA). PANAMAIS WERE NOT PRESENT IN GUATEMALA. IN ESSENCE MEETING WAS A RUMP SESSION WITH ONLY FIVE OF TWELVE CTCA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT, WHICH SESSION CTF USED TO MOUNT CRITICISM OF IESCA CONTROL OF FUNDS, ARTILES HANDLING OF EDUCATION COORDINATOR JOB, AND SUAZO' S POSITION WITH RESPECT TO THE LATTER. ARTILES ALSO ACCUSED OF BEING UNDER IESCA' S ORDERS. WHILE MORALES CUBA NOT PRESENT, EVERY INDICATION WAS, ACCORDING TO ARTILES THAT MORALES WAS STAGE MANAGING THE PROCEEDINGS.

4. WITH RESPECT TO CONTRACT DESIRED BY MORALES, THIS ALSO CAME UP LAST YEAR IN HIS SUCCESSFUL CONFRONTATION WITH CTCA COLLEAGUES WHICH RESULTED IN CTCA HEADQUARTERS BEING MOVED TO GUATEMALA AND MORALES' PROTEGE, JULIO SUAREZ, BEING NAMED EXECUTIVE SECRETARY. AN ADDITIONAL DEMAND WAS A CONTRACTUAL STATUS WITH CTCA/ AIFLD AND SUBSEQUENTLY, WITH ORIT AND AIFLD/ W REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT, A " GENTLEMENT' S AGREEMENT" WAS REACHED. WHILE THIS SIDESTEPED THE FORMAL ARRANGEMENT DESIRED BY CTF, KEY ELEMENT IN THIS ACCORD WAS ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AIFLD- FINANCED EDUCATION COORDINATOR POSITION, CURRICULA COMMITTEE, AND A JOINT EVALUATION GROUP. ORIT SUBSIDY OF SUAREZ AND CTCA HEADQUARTERS WAS AGREED TO AT A LATER MEETING.

5. COMMENT: BELIEVE THAT VISIT OF WASHINGTON EVALUATION TEAM IN LATE APRIL WILL BE GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS PROBLEM IN DEPTH AND WHAT IT MEANS IN TERMS OF IESCA' S FUTURE COURSE OF ACTION. IN MEANTIME, PRACTICAL AFFECT OF MORALES' INSPIRED BOYCOTT WILL BE TESTED IN REGIONAL CAMPESINO SEMINAR CONVOKED FOR GUATEMALA WEEK OF APRIL 9.

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